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FORM X.

Showing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 15th January 1875.

Division.	Districts.	Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September.	Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight.	Expenditure of grain during the fortnight.						Quantity made over in bulk to the special engineers.	Balance in hand at end of fortnight.
				On charitable relief.	On relief laborers.	Sale as an ordinary relief measure.		Sale for the disposal of the surplus.			
						Quantity.	Price realised.	Quantity.	Price realised.		
		Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Mds.
Patna.	Gya ...	41,613	38,700	.....	15	.....	.....	13	1,126	2,208	688
	Shahabad ...	19,928	19,928	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Tirhoot ... N	(f)13,46,277	3,82,953	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,63,324
	Tirhoot ... S	1,72,729	1,72,729	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sarun (exclusive of Hutwa).	2,18,918	1,78,368	238	3,674	(c)10,853	.....	24,637	14,391	.....	1,148
	Chumparun ...	(a)18,514	(b)77,787	.....	.....	.....	.....	727	28,634	.....	.....
	Soane Circle ...	(f)15,346	11,562	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,784
	Gunduck Embankment.	82,615	12,210	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,913	4,456	.....	62,269
	Total ...	19,75,940	8,94,237	238	3,689	10,853	.....	33,290	48,607	2,208	10,31,213
Bhagulpore.	Monghyr ...	8,301	8,301	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bhagulpore ...	1,59,855	34,167	.....	.....	.....	.....	c1,25,688	.....	.....	.....
	Purneah ...	1,08,766	26,280	.....	3	1,795	.....	9,922	150	.....	70,613
	Sonthal Pergunnahs..	15,431	14,012	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,419	.....
	Total ...	2,92,353	82,760	.....	3	1,795	.....	1,35,610	150	1,419	70,613
Rajshahye.	Moorshedabad ...	24,027	24,027	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dinagepore ...	1,47,961	63,678	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,695	18,636	.....	63,586
	Maldah ...	12,482	12,482	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rajshahye ...	33,939	19,506	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,161	3,500	.....	14,293
	Rungpore ...	64,169	22,711	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,417	2,862	.....	36,041
	Bogra ...	34,133	29,419	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,714	112	.....	.....
	Pubna ...	8,137	6,792	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,345	2,509	.....	.....
	Total ...	3,26,848	1,78,615	.....	.....	.....	.....	37,332	27,509	.....	1,13,920
	Northern Bengal Railway.	(d)38,898	2,634	.....	.....	319	330	1,907	1,561	217	33,820
Burdwan.	Burdwan ...	(f)1,53,455	88,749	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,706
	Bankoora ...	19,310	19,310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Beerbhoom ...	(a)20,896	21,094	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86
	Hooghly ...	(f)31,934	31,643	.....	.....	.....	.....	194	218	.....	98
	Howrah ...	(g).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450
	Total ...	2,25,595	1,60,796	.....	.....	.....	.....	194	218	.....	65,340
Chota Nagpore.	Hazareebagh ...	(f)2,184	1,185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	998
	Manbhoom ...	41,006	41,006	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Palamow ...	(a)4,277	4,298	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	47,467	46,489	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	998
Cooch Behar.	Julpigoree ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Presidency.	Nuddea ...	3,312	3,312	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	3,312	3,312	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Per Mr. Davis of Goalundo.	15,147	15,147	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Totals ...	29,25,560	13,83,990	238	3,692	11,967	330	2,08,333	78,045	3,844	13,15,904

(a)—There was one error in the stock-taking. The present figures are revised.
(b)—This includes 1,107 maunds of wastage.
(c)—This represents grain expended during the famine months, but not previously debited.
(d)—These figures are up to 26th December 1874.
(e)—This is the quantity shown as balance in last report. The Collector reports that all has been sold, but the exact quantity and the price realized will be reported when grain has been weighed out.
(f)—Last fortnight's figures are repeated, as no return has been received since.

(Final) Appendix B.

Return of Grain despatched from Calcutta from the commencement of the transport operations up to Thursday, the 1st October 1874.—(Gross Railway weight.)

Division in which to be used.	Station to which sent.	Quantity despatched		Remarks.
		Bags.	Mds.	
Patna	Arrah (for Saran) ...	3,26,972	6,43,265	
	,, (for Chumparun) ...	38,355	77,476	
	Barh	7,88,742	16,01,594	
	Bankipore	26,661	53,576	
	Bihta	10,463	20,827	
	Bukhtiarpore	14,092	28,309	
	Buxar	3,998	8,026	
	Dinapore	1,615	3,336	
	Doomraon	4,526	9,022	
	Futwah Ghât (a)	10,45,233	20,56,631	(a) Of this 14,125 bags = 20,585 maunds were seed-grain.
	Mokameh	48,941	99,112	
	Monghyr (b)	5,12,089	8,21,622	(b) Of this 6,192 bags = 9,436 maunds were seed-grain.
	Patna Ghât	3,26,671	6,38,515	
	Sultangunge (c)	41,772	58,858	(c) Of this 25,627 bags = 39,031 maunds were seed-grain.
	Zumanea	7,885	16,027	
	Totals of Patna Division ...	31,98,045	61,36,256	
Soane Circle (g)...	Arrah	14,463	32,246	(g) The figures in this return do not include the rice bought by the Superintending Engineer direct from Mr. R Scott-Moncrieff.
	Behea	1,025	2,078	
	Bihta	1,010	2,032	
	Buxar	2,155	4,354	
	Mogul Serai	12,820	27,526	
	Totals of Soane Circle ..	31,473	68,236	
	Grand Totals, Patna Division and Soane Circle	32,29,518	62,04,492	
Bhagulpore ...	Bhagulpore (d)	83,566	1,69,066	(d) Of this 14,001 bags = 28,351 maunds were sent *viâ* Bhagulpore and Colgong to Nepal.
	Burriarpore	1,132	2,275	
	Burhea	1,875	3,744	
	Caragolah	1,55,736	3,00,331	
	Colgong	1,72,859	3,43 086	
	Ghulhour	1,005	1,981	
	Jamooee	13.242	26,810	
	Kujrah	1,725	3,506	
	Luckee Serai	40,772	82,730	
	Monghyr	1,98,595	3 07,733	
	Peerpointee	41,886	84,380	
	Sahebgunge	9 128	17,508	
	Sultangunge	1,40,603	2,77,816	
	Bahawa	11,924	22,487	
	Teenpahar	5,4 9	10,952	
	Maharajpore	1,498	3,033	
	Moorrarooee	15,000	20 449	
	Rampore Hât	4,668	6,116	
	Jamtarra	11,0 98	17,373	
	Baidynath	1,044	2,114	
	Synthea	3,243	6,126	
	Nulhattee	1,772	2,705	
	Rajmehal	7,102	13,232	
	Mullarpore	1,570	3,180	
	Totals of Bhagulpore Division	9,38,552	17,88,532	
Rajshahye ..	Goalundo (e)	2,68,739	5,05,247	(e) Of this 532 bags = 1,047 maunds were re-booked to Kaligunge in April, and 9,358 bags = 14,733 maunds belong properly to the Dacca Division. The latter consignment was sent to Goalundo to clear the Sealdah Station at the request of the Eastern Bengal Railway Company.
	Kaligunge(f)	1,08,977	1,85,681	
	Kooshtea (g)	6,95,126	12,04,407	
	Rajmehal (h)	46,269	86,523	
	Sahebgunge	60,970	1,02,942	
	Shohajipara	42,621	75,646	
	Azimgunge	16,852	25,997	
	Synthea	1,475	2,077	(f) Of this amount 3,039 bags were made over to W. R. Davies, Esq., at Goalundo.
	Moorrarooee	3,541	6,590	
	Nawadi	3,790	6,767	(g) Of this amount 2,500 bags = 6,422 maunds were re-booked and sent on to Goalundo.
	Nulhattee	1,772	2,679	
	Rampore Hât	9,761	15,423	
	Shopore	280	587	(h) Of this 1,000 bags = 2,025 maunds were sent to Dinagepore jail.
	Saktipore	9,747	19,737	
	Shahapore	1,010	2,046	
	Berhampore	9,995	20,250	
	Totals of Rajshahye Division	12,80,925	22,62,579	
Chota Nagpore...	Burrakar	1,67,882	2,46,436	
	Girludee	18,811	35,732	
	Totals of Chota Nagpore Division	1,86,693	2,82,168	

(FINAL) APPENDIX B.—(*Continued.*)

DIVISION IN WHICH TO BE USED.	Station to which sent	Quantity despatched		REMARKS
		Bags.	Mds.	
BURDWAN ...	Raneegunge	58,725	96 545	
	Burdwan	36,614	67,727	
	Bhulpore	23,023	39,694	
	Hooghly	21,579	38,763	
	Kanoo Junction	6,945	12,739	
	Mugrah	185	204	
	Pandooah	445	730	
	Serampore	22,503	41,254	
	Synthea	17,559	31,389	
	Goshkhara	14,204	22,666	
	Mancoor	31,893	60,544	
	Ahmoodpore	11,960	22,367	
	Cutwa	59,446	1,14,812	
	Mullarpore	7,650	11,707	
	Assensole	364	571	
	Bheda	5,803	10,256	
	Burrakar	210	426	
	Culna	33,499	67,835	
	Doorgapore	150	304	
	Mymaree	3,479	6,869	
	Paneeghur	4,665	9,391	
	Seetarampore	350	607	
	Howrah	400	810	
	Totals of Burdwan Division ..	3,56,714	6,58,210	
PRESIDENCY ...	Alipore	600	1,212	
	Ranaghât	250	498	
	Kaligunge	10,196	20,647	
	Totals of Presidency Division	11,046	22,357	
	Grand Totals of all Divisions ..	60,03,448	1,12,18,388	

N B.—No rice has been despatched since 1st October

G. TOYNBEE,
On Special Duty.

CALCUTTA,
The 29th January 1875.

C. E. G.

No. 1654F, dated Camp Surbohda, the 13th January 1875.

From—A. V. PALMER, ESQ., Collector of Gya,

To—The Offg. Secy. to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department.

I HAVE the honor to submit my final fortnightly report called for by Bengal Government circular No. 6136, dated 9th October.

2. The rice crop has been quite a full one, and the rubbee promises to be equally good.

3. All relief works have been closed and grain disposed of.

4. The advance realization is in good train.

5. There are none now on charitable relief, and all surplus property belonging to the Relief Department has been disposed of, establishments reduced, and accounts submitted.

6. On the 5th a beneficial rain fell, with small hail in parts. The latter is not reported to have done damage.

7. I append Statement X. Statement Y is blank.

FORM X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 9th January 1875.

NAMES OF SUB-DIVISIONS.	Total quantity of grain shewn by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874.	Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight.	EXPENDITURE OF GRAIN DURING THE FORTNIGHT.			Quantity made over in bulk to the special engineer.	Balance in hand at end of fortnight.	REMARKS.
			On completing relief works.	Sale for the disposal of the surplus.				
				Quantity.	Price realized.			
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Rs. As. P.	Mds.	Mds.	
Gya	2,350	2,328	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Johanabad	13,182	13,182	.....	.....	1,104 3 0*	.....	.....	* Besides this, the value of grain sold to zemindars is under recovery.
Aurungabad	9,193	9,193	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Nowada	16,920	13,997	15	13	22 0 0	2,208 sent to Behar.	688†	† Includes 138 maunds weight of bags, wastage, dryage, &c. Balance retained for completing relief works originally undertaken.
Total ...	41,645	38,700	15	13	1,126 3 0	2,208	688	
Deduct as wastage, weight of bags, &c. ...	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	41,613	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

C. E. G.

No. 1103F, dated Arrah, the 12th January 1875.

From—H. W. ALEXANDER, ESQ., Collector of Shahabad,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

I HAVE the honor to submit my progress report for the fortnight ending the 9th January 1875.

A.—STATE AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS.

The aghani crop has now all been reaped, and the outturn has been as good as it was anticipated. Hail fell in different parts of the district on the night of the 4th instant, but the extent of the injury caused to the crops has not as yet been fully ascertained.

B.—NUMBER OF PERSONS STILL ON RELIEF WORKS.

Nil.

C.—QUANTITY OF GOVERNMENT GRAIN STILL IN STORE, &C.

No grain in store.

D.—STEPS TAKEN TO REALIZE CASH ADVANCES, &C.

No further steps have been taken under this heading than already reported.

E.—SHORT ACCOUNT OF PROGRESS OF CHARITABLE RELIEF, &C.

Nil.

F.—REMARKS REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF OTHER SURPLUS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

In the Arrah sub-division only 100 bags remain to be sold. There has been no sale of bags in the Sasseram and Bhubooah sub-divisions. The sub-divisional officer of Sasseram writes to say that a reminder has been sent to the Magistrate of Benares asking him if he can dispose of the bags. The whole of the materials of the following golas of the Sasseram and Bhubooah sub-divisions have been sold :—

Ramgurh,
Chand,

leaving a portion of the materials in the following golas to be yet disposed of :—

Sasseram,
Dhungain, and
Chynepore.

G.—ACCOUNT OF THE REDUCTION OF RELIEF ESTABLISHMENTS OF ALL SORTS, &C.

The services of my head clerk and those of the English clerk attached to the Sasseram sub-division were dispensed with from the end of the last month.

H. *(a)*—All submitted.

(b.)—No remarks to add to my last report.

(c. —Complete and detailed accounts of charitable relief, with vouchers, as far as could be obtained, have been submitted to the Accountant-General.

The only cash accounts that still remain unadjusted are the charitable relief accounts of the Sasseram and Bhubooah sub-divisions, and of Rs. 2,000 drawn by Mr. Eyre for land improvement purposes, and which was expended in transport and other miscellaneous ways. Reminders have been sent to expedite the submission of these.

C. E. G.

No. 2817F, dated Mozufferpore, the 26th January 1875.

From—C. F. Worsley, Esq., Offg. Collector of Tirhoot,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

With reference to paragraph 4 of Government order No. 6136—S R., dated 9th October 1874, I have the honor to submit the report for the fortnight ending 15th January 1875.

A.—State of crops.

I have nothing to add to what I have stated under this head in my last report.

B.—Relief works.

Nil.

C.—Surplus Government grain.

All grain has been disposed of, *vide* previous report.

D.—Advances.

The collection of advances is going on steadily.
Some empty bags of inferior quality are yet remaining undisposed of.

G.—Establishment.

The annexed Form A will show the establishments still retained.

H.—Accounts.

(*a*).—Nil.
(*b*).—Progress in posting of grain accounts is being made rapidly.
(*c*).—Since the last report, accounts of twenty-eight circles, amounting to Rs. 7,50,000, have been forwarded to the Comptroller-General.

A.

Memorandum shewing the number and cost of Establishment still retained in the Mozufferpore, Tajpore, and Hajeepore Sub-divisions.

	Number.	Amount.
		Rs.
Mozufferpore	112	2,642
Tajpore	Nil	Nil
Hajeepore	.....	.....
Total ...	112	2,642

C. E. G.

No. 6415F., dated Sarun, the 16th January 1875.

Memo. by—J. S. DRUMMOND, Esq., Magistrate-Collector, Sarun.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department, Calcutta, for information, with reference to Government circular No. 6136—S.R. of the 9th September last.

Progress Report of the closing of relief operations and winding up of accounts in the Sarun District for the Fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

A.—*State and progress of crops and harvests.*—Except in twelve villages in the Mushrukh thana, where the crops have suffered to some extent, the recent hailstorm has not been found to have caused any serious damage, and the crops having been greatly improved by the general rainfall, which, though slight, has done much good, the prospect of an excellent rubbee harvest may be considered assured.

B. & C.—Blank.

D.—The collections of cash advances during the fortnight have been as under—

	Rs.	A.	P.
In Sudder Office—			
Recovery of advances for land improvement	14,396	0	8
Ditto of advances to zemindars for support of ryots	39,206	1	1
Total ...	53,602	1	9

making, with Rs. 7,863-2 previously received from Hutwah on account of loan to that estate, a total of Rs. 77,069-7-9 collected up to close of fortnight.

	Rs.	A.	P.
In Sewan, by Mr. Murray—			
Advances to zemindars for support of ryots	9,671	0	0
Ditto for land improvement	3,764	0	0
	13,435	0	0
By Mr. Rattray—			
Advances to zemindars for support of ryots	10,718	8	0
Total ...	24,153	8	0
In Mushrukh—			
Advances to zemindars for supports of ryots	252	2	0
Ditto for land improvement	177	0	0
Total ...	429	2	0

making a grand total of Rs. 1,02,577-1-9 altogether, collected on account of cash advances.

With the exception of those for two circles in Sewan, all the registers of advances have now been completed. Mr. Hudson has already left, making over charge of the Sub-division to Mr. Grant, of the Salt Department, and Mr. Barry will also be leaving immediately.

The following collections have been made during the fortnight on account of grain advances:—

				Rs.	A.	P.
By Mr. Tonnerre in Manjhee and Chuprah thanas				18,374	14	5
(making a total collection of Rs. 25,540-8-11).						
By Messrs. Hudson and Grant in Mushrukh Sub-division				13,988	14	0
By Mr. Barry in Pursa Sub-division				7,000	0	0
(making a total of Rs. 22,859-1-4).						
In Sewan—						
By Mr. Murray	7,602	0	0			
By Mr. Rattray	13,283	0	6			
				20,885	0	6
Total				60,248	12	11

making a grand total of Rs. 83,273-8-9 altogether, collected on account of grain advances.

In Manjhee, the collection from the ryots of the first instalment of the grain advances is now at an end, and the result is that, notwithstanding the bad rice harvest there, the ryots have of their own accord, and without any pressure, paid upwards of a tenth of the whole amount due. This result may be considered satisfactory. Mr. Tonnerre is now engaged with the Chuprah collections.

In Sewan, under a misapprehension of the instructions issued, it appears that a general demand of one-third of the entire amount due has been made on the ryots by Messrs. Murray and Rattray, and that this amount is being extensively paid up; but the ryots of some villages having complained of their inability to pay so much all at once, after an indifferent rice harvest, it has been pointed out that the circumstances of the different villages should be consulted, and that it is not advisable to collect on one rigid

principle throughout. At the same time the result is no doubt very satisfactory, wherever these amounts have been paid without difficulty. It is a question, however, whether it is not preferable, in the interests of the people, to allow the villagers to fix the amount they can afford to pay in the first instance, taking larger instalments from them after the rubbee.

F.—Fifty thousand empty bags have been despatched for sale to Cawnpore and Mirzapore.

G.—A list is appended showing the reductions effected and the establishment still entertained.

H.—The following is the information under this head:—

(*a.*) The same remarks as in last report, with this exception, that the allocation statement for September 1874, Captain May says, "is nearly ready, and will be submitted by him to the Additional Chief Engineer in a day or two."

(*b.*) The district grain officer has submitted his grain accounts to the Assistant Comptroller-General up to end of August last, and Mr. Cotton says that the embankment grain accounts for December 1874 are under preparation.

(*c.*) All transport charges have been adjusted, and other miscellaneous accounts are being brought up as fast as possible.

Adverting to Government order No. 47—S.R. of the 8th instant, revised returns of the disposal of grain, &c., in Forms X and Y for the previous fortnights ending with 12th and 26th December 1874, in which the mistakes alluded to occurred, are submitted for substitution along with the returns for the past fortnight, prepared in accordance with the revised figures therein given.

Statement shewing the Relief Establishment in the Sarun District whose services have been retained on the 9th January 1875.

Name and Designation of Officers.		Rate of salary.	Total of each office.
Gazetted Officers.		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
W. Barry, Esq., Sub-divisional Officer of Pursa		1,133 5 4	
A. Rattray, Esq., on special duty at Sewan		600 0 0	
C. F. Tonnerre, Esq., Sub-divisional Officer of Chuprah and Manjhee		450 0 0	
Pundit Debi Pershaud, District Grain Officer		250 0 0	
			2,433 5 4
Office Establishment.			
1 Clerk		60 0 0	
2 Mohuvirs, at Rs. 20 and 15		35 0 0	
Extra allowance to the head clerks of the Fouzdaree and Collectorate, at Rs. 25 each		50 0 0	
Ditto to Nazir of the Sarun Collectorate		25 0 0	
Ditto to 3 under clerks, 2 at Rs. 10 each, and 1 at Rs. 15		35 0 0	
Ditto to Treasury Establishment		20 0 0	
Ditto to Sewan Sub-divisional Establishment		20 0 0	
4 Peons, at Rs. 5 each		20 0 0	
			265 0 0
District Grain Officer's Establishment.			
1 Assistant Grain Officer...		125 0 0	
1 Accountant		50 0 0	
3 Clerks—	Rs. A. P.		
2 at Rs. 25 each	50 0 0		
1 at „ 20 „	20 0 0	70 0 0	
			245 0 0
1 Native Accountant		25 0 0	
15 Mohurirs—			
1 at Rs. 20	20 0 0		
10 at „ 15 each	150 0 0		
4 at „ 10 „	40 0 0	210 0 0	
16 Goladars—			
5 at Rs. 20 each	100 0 0		
5 at „ 15 „	75 0 0		
6 at „ 10 „	60 0 0	235 0 0	
1 Naib Goladar		15 0 0	
7 Dandidars. at Rs. 6 each		42 0 0	
4 Palladars, at „ 5 „		20 0 0	
			792 0 0
Executive Engineer's Establishment.			
2 Relief Superintendents, at Rs. 400 and 210		610 0 0	
1 Sub-Overseer		35 0 0	
1 Head Clerk		60 0 0	
4 Clerks—			
3 at Rs. 30 each	90 0 0		
1 at „ 25 „	25 0 0	115 0 0	
*3 Mohurirs, at Rs. 15 each		45 0 0	
			865 0

Name and Designation of Officers.	Rate of salary.	Total of each office.
Executive Engineer, Lower Gunduck Division's Establishment.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
3 Moonshees, at Rs. 15 each	45 0 0	
3 Duffadars, at „ 6 „	18 0 0	
12 Burkundazes, at Rs. 5 each	60 0 0	
		123 0 0
Chuprah and Manjhee Sub-divisional Establishment.		
2 Mohurirs, at Rs. 20 and 15	35 0 0	
2 Peons, at Rs. 5 each	10 0 0	
		45 0 0
Pursa Sub-divisional Establishment.		
1 Relief Superintendent	150 0 0	
2 Clerks, at Rs. 25 each	50 0 0	
2 Mohurirs, at Rs. 15 each	30 0 0	
5 Peons, at Rs. 5 each	25 0 0	
1 Cooly	4 0 0	
2 Runners, at Rs. 4 each	8 0 0	
		267 0 0
Mushrukh Sub-divisional Establishment.		
2 English Clerks, at Rs. 20 each	40 0 0	
6 Vernacular clerks—	Rs. A. P.	
3 at Rs. 15 each	45 0 0	
3 at „ 10 „	30 0 0	75 0 0
6 Peons, at Rs. 5 each	30 0 0	
		145 0 0
Sewan Sub-divisional Establishment.		
2 Clerks, at Rs. 25 and 20	45 0 0	
3 Mohurirs, at Rs. 10 each	30 0 0	
1 Kotegusht	12 0 0	
		87 0 0
Grand Total ...	.....	5,022 5 4

Statement shewing the Relief Establishment in the Sarun District whose services have been dispensed with on the 9th January 1875.

Name and Designation of Officers.	Rate of salary.	Total of each officer.
Gazetted Officer.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Mr. W. H. Hudson, Sub-divisional Officer of Mushrukh	1,133 5 4	
		1,133 5 4
District Grain Officer's Establishment.		
7 Goladars—	Rs. A. P.	
2 at Rs. 20 each	40 0 0	
3 at „ 15 „	45 0 0	
2 at „ 10 „	20 0 0	105 0 0
8 Dandidars, at Rs. 6 each	48 0 0	
		153 0 0
Executive Engineer's Establishment.		
Assistant Accountant	45 0 0	
		45 0 0
Pursa Sub-divisional Establishment.		
1 Clerk	20 0 0	
5 Mohurirs—		
1 at Rs. 15	15 0 0	
4 at „ 10	40 0 0	55 0 0
1 Peon	2 8 0	
		77 8 0
Sewan Sub-divisional Establishment.		
1 Clerk	25 0 0	
4 Mohurirs, at 10 each	40 0 0	
		65 0 0
Grand Total ...	.....	1,473 13 4

Form X.

Statement shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 12th December 1874.

	Mds.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September	1,12,906
Since received	1,04,210
Total receipts	2,17,116
Total expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight	1,02,522
Expenditure incurred during the fortnight—	
On charitable relief	16
On relief laborers	2,699
Sale as an ordinary relief measure ... ... Quantity	9
Sale for the disposal of the surplus ... ... Quantity	17,911
Sale for the disposal of the surplus ... ... Price realized	Rs. 9,462
	Mds.
Quantity made over in bulk to the Special Engineer	35,286
Balance in hand at the end of the fortnight	58,673

Form X.

Statement shewing the disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 26th December 1874.

			Mds.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September		...	1,12,906
Since received		...	1,04,210
Total receipts		...	2,17,116
Total expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight		...	1,58,448
Expenditure incurred during the fortnight—			
Sale as an ordinary relief measure ...	Quantity	...	6
Sale for the disposal of the surplus ...	Quantity	...	19,919
			Rs.
	Price realised	...	11,490
			Mds.
Balance in hand at end of fortnight		...	38,748

Form X.

Statement shewing the disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 9th January 1875.

			Mds.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September		...	1,12,906
Since received		...	1,06,012
Total receipts		...	2,18,918
Total expenditure of grain from 16th December to end of previous fortnight		...	1,78,368
Expenditure incurred during the fortnight—			
On charitable relief			238
On relief laborers			3,674
Sale as an ordinary relief measure ..	Quantity	...	10,853*
Sale for the disposal of the surplus ...	Quantity	...	24,637
			Rs.
	Price realised	...	14,391
			Mds.
Balance in hand at end of fortnight		...	1,148

Form Y.

Statement prescribed by Government Order No. 6136, *dated 9th October* 1874, *for the District of Sarun for the Fortnight ending 12th December* 1874.

Famine District—Chupra, Sewan.
Number of relief circles—61

			Mds.
Amount of grain actually stored		...	10,16,409
Number of persons receiving gratuitous or charitable relief			55
			Mds.
Amount of grain consumed		...	9,02,436

Form Y.

Statement prescribed by Government Order No. 6136, *dated 9th October* 1874, *for the District of Sarun for the Fortnight ending on the 26th December* 1874.

Famine District—Chupra, Sewan.
Number of relief circles—61

			Mds.
Amount of grain actually stored		...	10,16,409
Amount of grain consumed		...	922,373

Form Y.

Statement prescribed by Government Order No. 6136, *dated 9th October* 1874, *for the District of Sarun for the Fortnight ending on the 9th January* 1875.

Famine District—Chuprah, Sewan.
Number of relief circles—61

			Mds.
Amount of grain actually stored		...	10,18,124
Amount of grain consumed		...	9,61,689

* This represents grain expended during the famine months by one of the circle officers and not previously debited pending submission of account.

C. E. G.

No. 3500F, dated Motiharee, the — January 1875.

From—J. F. K. HEWITT, ESQ., Offg. Collector of Chumparun,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

I HAVE the honor to submit the fortnightly progress report for the fortnight ending the 9th January 1875.

A. *State and progress of the crops.*—A quarter of an inch of rain fell on the 4th instant, which has done much good to the young crops, the prospects could scarcely be better.

B.—Nil.

C.—All grain that was in the hands of civil officers has been sold, the price realized and paid into the treasury. Delivery is being taken of the embankment and canal grain, and all the golas will be closed in a few days.

D.—The following collections have been made during the fortnight:—

	Rs.
Advances for digging wells and tanks	67
„ „ assistance of ryots	901
„ „ importation of grain	20,008

Notices have again been sent to those persons (chiefly planters) who failed to pay the instalment that was due on the 1st instant.

E.—The following sums have been collected from ryots who took advances of grain:—

		Rs.	As.	P.	
Dhaka Sub-division		21,509	0	0	
Motiharee „		14,027	12	1	
Gobindgunge „		21,054	8	0	
Ramnuggur „		20,000	0	0	from the Rajah.
Bettiah „		Nil			
Total ...		76,591	4	1	

F.—Mr. Begg has not paid the second instalment that was due on the 1st instant; a reminder has been sent to him.

All the golas in the Ramnuggur and Bettiah Sub-divisions have been disposed of.

Rupees 2,710-10-9 have been realized by the sale of empty bags to local dealers. The markets are overstocked with bags, and in the Gobindgunge, Dhaka, and Motiharee Sub-divisions it is difficult to find purchasers willing to pay more than Rs. 5 per hundred.

G.—The services of two accountants, one moonshee, one gola superintendent, and all gola establishments have been dispensed with during the fortnight.

The extra establishment now stands as follows:—

4 Accountants.	1 Moonshee.
2 Clerks.	3 Chuprassees.

1 Khullassee.

After the 15th instant there will be no necessity to retain more than one accountant, one clerk, and one mohurir, at a cost of Rs. 205, and they will probably not be required after the 31st instant.

H. (*a.*)—All statements called for have been submitted.

(*b.*)—Mr. Dobbie has finally closed the grain accounts for the Sub divisions of Dhaka, Motiharee and Gobindgunge; the Bettiah and Ramnuggur accounts have been completed, but the transactions connected with the disposal of the surplus grain have not been included.

(*c.*)—In the Sudder office there are still seven small accounts which require adjustment. The Famine Fund account is nearly completed.

FORM X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain for Fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

Names of Sub-divisions.	Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874.	Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight.	Expenditure of grain during the fortnight.						Wastage.
			On charitable relief.	On relief laborers.	Sale as an ordinary relief measure.		Sale for the disposal of the surplus.		
					Quantity.	Price realised.	Quantity.	Price realised.	
	Mds. S. C.	M. S. C.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	M. S. C.	Rs. A. P.	M. S. C.
Motiharee ...	8,098 0 0	6,545 18 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	727 7 8	630 4 7	825 14 7
Dhaka ...	10,759 4 15½	10,540 37 12½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218 7 3
Gobindgunge, Mds. 13,782. Excess quantity shown in the former statement, Mds. 2,171-33-14.	15,953 33 14	15,953 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,123 5 3 This amount was not shown in the former statement.	.....
Bettiah ...	8,027 33 7	7,968 36 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 36 12
Ramnuggur ...	35,676 0 0	35,676 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,674 7 8 This amount was not realized before.	.....
Total .	78,514 32 4½	76,680 6 6½	.....	.....	.....	.....	727 7 8	28,634 1 6	1,107 18 6

C. E G.

Report called for under Government letter No. 6136—*S.R*, *dated 6th October* 1874, *of the District of Monghyr, for the Fortnight ending* 10*th January* 1875.

A. *State and prospects of crops and harvests.*—Rice harvest gathered; rubbee crop promising.

B. *Relief Works.*—Blank.

C.—The balance of Buktearpore grain has all been sold during the fortnight, and there is now no more grain in the district.

D.—Realizations of cash advances made to traders and zemindars are in progress. Rs. 39,600, out of Rs. 76,250 advanced for purchase of grain, have been realized up to date; steps are being taken for realizing the balance. Amounts advanced under the Land Improvement Act are being repaid by instalments.

E to G.—Same remarks as reported in previous reports.

H. (*a*)—Mr. Currie's accounts have been submitted during the fortnight.

(*b*.)—Cash accounts up to November 1874, in the new form, have been submitted; grain accounts are now being prepared and will be submitted shortly.

(*c*).—Detailed contingent bills up to September 1874 are ready and will be despatched presently.

FORM X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending 10*th January* 1874.

		Mds.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874 ...		8,301
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight ...		6,662
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—		
Sale for the disposal of surplus ...	Quantity	1,639
		Rs. A.
	Price realized	1,454 2
Balance in hand at end of fortnight		Nil.

FORM Y.

Blank.

MONGHYR,
The 11*th January* 1875.

E. D. LOCKWOOD,
Officiating Collector.

C. E. G.

No. 1447—S.R., dated Bhagulpore, the 28th January 1875.

From—V. TAYLOR, Esq., Collector of Bhagulpore,

To—The Offg. Secy. to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

I HAVE the honor to submit the progress report up to the 24th instant; it includes the report due up to the 10th instant, my last having been up to the 26th December 1874.

2. Mr. Kirkwood having completed his work as far as he was able, arrived here on the evening of the 26th, without having submitted a regular fortnightly. The actual closing of accounts will take still some little time.

A.—STATE OF THE CROPS.

These are all that can be desired. My gauge has measured on two occasions since last report ·40 and ·06. There was some hail in the south of the district, which, however, luckily did but little harm.

B.—PERSONS ON RELIEF, &C.

Blank.

C.—QUANTITY OF GOVERNMEMT GRAIN IN STORE.

None. All has been disposed of, but as a considerable quantity has been sold by contract, with time allowed for payment, delivery of all has not been taken; the exact (actual) quantity cannot be known, nor the price to be realized till it is.

D.—STEPS TAKEN TO REALIZE ADVANCES.

The following sums have been realized :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
From trustworthy residents on account of advances for purchase of grain	49,789	5	7
Ditto ditto ditto seed-grain	1,000	0	0
From landholders on account of advances for helping their ryots	2,653	0	0
From persons on account of advances under the Land Improvement Act...	1,200	0	0
Tuccavee advances realized by Deputy Collector, Mudehpoorah	16,222	7	10
Ditto ditto Soopole	2,269	6	0
Total ...	73,134	3	5

Mr. Smith, of Soopole, is taking in hand the eastern portion of his sub-division to see what he can realize.

E.—SHORT ACCOUNT OF PROGRESS OF CHARITABLE RELIEF.

There are now 33 children in Soopole. I have ascertained a majority of these have relations, some very near ones, and I have directed they should be sent for and asked to give a plain reason why they decline to have anything more to do with the children.

F.—REMARKS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

The taking delivery of all empty bags, except as Mr Kirkwood assures me some 3rd class ones (number not large), is rapidly going on. I have disposed of all bags at Head-Quarters, excepting some 7,000 new 30-seer ones, for which it is difficult to find a purchaser, the size being held to be inconvenient. A few buildings remain to be disposed of, but Mr. Kirkwood tells me these will very soon now be off our hands.

G.—ACCOUNT OF REDUCTION OF RELIEF ESTABLISHMENT OF ALL SORTS.

The Dugmarah gola has been closed; the final accounts of the goladar have to be gone through and settled; others cannot be closed till the purchasers take delivery of the rice; the establishment pay has been reduced to Rs. 585.

H.—ACCOUNTS REPORT.

On Saturday last Mr. Kirkwood despatched nearly all records to my office, except those deposited with the sub-divisional officers of Soopole and Mudehpoorah, but these have not as yet arrived. He brought in with him the grain gola accounts. These have all to be copied and compared, and any discrepancies if possible reconciled before they can be despatched to the Comptroller-General. I have seen Mr. Kirkwood on the subject. No time will be lost in sending in the new form the accounts for the Famine Committee. The objection statements are being now rapidly disposed of, and all to April (constituting the large majority of them) will be sent back together very shortly.

C. E. G.

No. 3792F, dated Purneah, the 25th January 1875.

Memo. from—J. J. LIVESAY, Esq., Joint-Magistrate in charge, Purneah,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

HAS the honor to forward progress report for the fortnight ending 15th January 1875.

Progress Report of Scarcity and Relief operations in the District of Purneah for the Fortnight ending 15th January 1875.

A.—The state of the crops continues favorable as reported before.

B.—None.

C.—*Vide* Form X accompanying.

D.—Rs. 46,536-4 have been up to date realized out of the cash advances, and Rs 9,795-4-8 from the grain advances. The registers for grain advances of all the circles have been written up and are complete, as will be seen from the annexed copy of a letter No. 40 of the 14th January 1875, from Deputy Collector Baboo Rojoninath Chatterjee.

E.—None.

F.—Purchasers are coming in rapidly both for the remaining surplus grain and empty bags, with gola buildings, &c., and they will be all sold in the course of a few days.

G.—None.

H. (*a.*)—As per memorandum annexed.

(*b.*)—Stock Forms 4, 11, and 12; Statement No. 2, and other stock returns and gola clearances, &c.

(*c.*)—As per memorandum annexed Mr Dobbie has arrived with three clerks and has taken up the sorting and re-writing of the grain accounts from the beginning. The cash accounts sent up before will be returned from Calcutta for adjustment here, as it cannot be, Mr. Larpent writers, done in the Calcutta office in the absence of any local knowledge necessary for the adjustment of each class of accounts.

No. 40, dated Motiharee, the 14th January 1875.

From—BABOO ROJONINATH CHATTERJEE, Deputy Collector of Motiharee,

To—The Collector of Purneah.

I HAVE the honor to report that the famine bonds for grain advances have all been entered in the registers.

The number of bonds taken in each circle, with the quantity of grain advanced, and the total amount of the bonds, is as follows:—

Sub-Divisions.	Names of Circles.	Number of bonds.	Total quantity of grain advanced.	Total amount of the bonds.
			Mds. S. C.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	Sudder	371	21,742 0 0	62,029 1 7
	Kudbah	311	15,041 10 0	50,919 12 7
	Dengrah	210	11,803 25 0	32,528 3 2
	Kusba Amour	479	12,859 0 0	42,131 14 0
	Total	1,371	61,445 35 0	1,88,208 15 4
Arrarea		960	47,311 30 0	1,54,009 5 4
Kishengunge	Kishengunge	195	4,155 0 0	11,916 4 8
	Bahadoorgunge	2,237	11,012 36 0	30,483 8 1
	Kaliagunge	257	1,987 9 5	5,454 3 9
	Total	2,689	17,155 5 5	47,853 15 1
	Grand Total	5,029	1,25,912 30 5	3,90,072 3 9

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List of Accounts submitted to the Comptroller-General.

When submitted.	Name of disbursing officer.	Nature of account.	Amount.
			Rs. A. P.
.....	Superintendent of Jail	Construction of golas	913 0 0
9th November 1874 ...	Sreenath Bhadro	Ditto and transport of grain	2,550 0 0
.....	Mr. Munro	Transport of grain	1,87,000 0 0
24th October 1874 ...	„ Perry	Relief account	10,409 9 1
30th „ „ ...	„ Meiklejohn	Ditto	67,361 14 8½
9th November „ ...	Captain James	Ditto	581 9 3
24th October and 5th November 1874.	Lieutenant Thornton	Ditto	.....
31st October 1874 ...	Lieutenant Coles and Mr. Gouldsbury ...	Relief, gola, and transport accounts	46,017 1 1½
10th December „ ...	Baboo Rojoninath Chatterjee	Transport account	.....
4th November „ ...	Mr. Gouldsbury	Relief account	7,655 1 0
31st October „ ...	„ Muloch	Transport account	.....
7th November „ ..	Woomachurn Ghose, Nazir	Ditto	550 0 0
31st October „ ...	Lieutenant Coles	Relief account, Sudder	4,113 14 8
	Ditto	Hulrampore	8,634 5 9
10th November „ ...	Mr. Rattray	Transport and relief account	.....
27th November „ ...	„ Money	Transport account	.....
Ditto „ ...	Lieutenant Thornton	Pack-pony account	.....

The following accounts are not yet submitted :—

Kishengunge sub-division.
Mr. Wyer's account.

Form X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain for the Fortnight ending 15th January 1875.

			Mds. S. C.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874			1,08,766 0 0
Expenditure of grain from 15th September to end of previous fortnight			26,280 3 4
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—			
On relief laborers			3 30 8
Sale as an ordinary relief measure	Quantity		1,795 37 8
Sale for the disposal of the surplus	Ditto		9,922 32 0
Quantity made over in bulk to the Special Engineers			150 0 0
Balance in hand at end of fortnight			70,613 16 12

Form Y.

Famine District—Purneah.	Mds	Srs.	Ch.
Amount of grain actually stored	70,613	16	12

Purneah,
The 25th January 1875.

J. J. Livesay,
Joint-Magistrate, in charge.

C. E. G.

No. 1277—S.R., dated Doomka, the 19th January 1875.

From—J. BOXWELL, Esq., Officiating Deputy Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

I have the honor to submit my progress report for the fortnight ending 10th January 1875.

The harvesting of dhan is over, and the outturn is, as I have already reported, very good. The prospects of the winter crops continue excellent. The sub-divisional officer of Rajmehal reports that the rubbee crops have been a little damaged by the hail on the 5th instant.

Statement X is annexed herewith. I hope the last of the rice will be sold this fortnight.

FORM X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending 10th January 1875.

Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874			15,481
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight			13,660
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—			
Sale for the disposal of the surplus	Quantity		352 Rs.
	Price realized		330 Mds.
Balance in hand at end of fortnight			1,419

C. E. G.

Progress Report of Scarcity and Relief of the Moorshedabad District for the Fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

A.—The state of the crops continues to be very favorable. The rain which fell on the 4th and 5th instant will do a great deal of good to all cold-weather crops, except mustard. Very little of the rice crop was left unreaped, and the damage done to it will be very slight.

B.—Blank.

C.—Blank.

D.—Most of the advances due before 31st December 1874 have been realized Measures will be taken to realize from those who have not yet paid.

E —Form B for November is delayed on account of the non-receipt of the account from the sub-divisional officer of Lalbagh.

F.—Blank.

G.—Blank.

H.—(*c*). The cash account of the Relief Fund for November is delayed for the reason stated under heading E.

BERHAMPORE,
The 12th January 1875.

W. WAVELL,
Offg. Magistrate and Collector.

C. E. G.

No. 21—S.R., dated Dinagepore, the 11th January 1875.

From—A. C. Brett, Esq, Joint-Magistrate, in charge of Magistrate's Office, Dinagepore,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

I have the honor to submit the following progress report for the fortnight ending 11th January 1875.

A.—The harvesting of the winter rice crop is nearly finished. An excellent crop has been gathered this year.

B.—Blank.

C.—The annexed Form X, which has been compiled from the statements furnished by the district grain officer, shows the amount of grain still in store, but I am at a loss to find where this grain is, for I know the entire stock, with some very trifling exceptions, has been disposed of, and delivery has also in almost all cases been given. I am therefore led to conclude that there must be some error in the accounts hitherto received from the grain office, which it is impossible to find out until the grain accounts are finally adjusted.

D.—No advances have been made in this district to traders for purchase of grain. The registers of grain advances have been written up, all but one. These registers are now being totalled, and the grand total of these registers will be compared with the total quantity of grain shown in the grain accounts as having been advanced As soon as this is done, the officers specially appointed for the realisation of advances will take the field.

E.—Blank.

Charitable accounts up to November 1874 have been submitted.

F.—Grain bags, with very trifling exceptions, have been disposed of Horses, saddles, &c., made over to the Public Works Department or sold.

G.—Almost all the mofussil gola establishments, and the skeleton circle relief establishments, have been done away with.

H. (*a.*)—Accounts of relief works expenditure due to the Controller, Public Works Accounts, have been submitted up to November last.

(*b.*)—Accounts of grain up to 25th September have been submitted.

(*c.*)—Other relief department accounts are in the course of being adjusted.

Form X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 11th January 1875.

		Mds	S.	Ch.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September		1,47,961	0	0
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight		63,078	31	10½
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—				
Sale for the disposal of the surplus ...	Quantity	20,695	32	6
		Rs	A.	P.
	Price realised ...	18,636	12	0
		Mds.	S.	Ch.
Balance in hand at end of fortnight		63,586	15	15½

Form Y.

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C. E. G.

No 817, dated Maldah, the 19th January 1875.

From—F. WYER, ESQ., Offg. Magistrate and Collector of Maldah,

To—The Offg. Secy. to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

FORWARDS progress report for the district of Maldah for the fortnight ending 14th January 1875.

A. State and progress of crops and harvest.—The winter rice crop has now been nearly all reaped and turned out above an average one. The rubbee crops promise to be very good. They were greatly benefited by the rain which fell on the 4th and 5th, as is generally the case at this time of year. There is a good deal of small-pox about in Kurba.

B.—Blank.

C. Rice.—The whole of the rice at Chanchal has been now disposed of. The quantity as weighed out was found to be 2,488 maunds; this realized Rs. 1,976, *i.e.* 12 annas 8 pie a maund.

D. Realisation of advances.—An establishment, as sanctioned by Government letter No. 7286,—S R., dated 30th December 1874, consisting of two inspectors and mohurirs at a cost of Rs. 219 a month has been appointed to realize the advances in the Sudder circle. Mr. Reily has already realized upwards of Rs. 6,000 out of a total demand of Rs. 43,000. He expects to realize the whole before the end of March. He has as yet employed only four piadahs, but wants an establishment costing Rs. 110 for five months. I have written to the Relief Commissioner on this subject.

The second inspector, who was relief accountant, and his establishment will be employed for a week in carrying out Mr. Bernard's orders for arranging the accounts.

E.—Blank.

F.—At Chanchal all the bags have been sold, but delivery of the whole has not yet been taken.

G.—Same as last fortnight.

H. Accounts.—Mr. Bernard inspected the accounts on the 10th of the month. In accordance with his directions the accountant will be employed to bring them into required form; this will not take him more than a week.

C. E. G.

No. 4022, dated Beauleah, the 18th January 1875.

From—G. E MANISTY, Esq., Assistant Collector of Rajshahye,
To—The Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

THE Collector of the district being out on his cold-weather tour, I have the honor to submit herewith progress report of this district for the fortnight ending on the 14th instant.

A. *State and progress of crops and harvests.*—The amun rice crop is a good one and has been cut in most places. All other crops are progressing well.

B. *Number of persons (men, women and children) on relief works.*—There are no relief works in hand.

C. *Quantity of Government grain still in store.*—Fourteen thousand two hundred and ninety-three maunds of Government rice are still in store, but arrangements have been made for selling the whole amount.

D. *Steps taken to realise cash advances made to traders, &c.*—The Sudder Canoongoe has been sent to realise some of the advances which are recoverable in this month and in February; about Rs. 27,197-4-1 have been realised up to date. The grain registers are being prepared, and the district register of grain advances is only delayed till a form is received from Bogra.

E. *Short account of charitable relief.*—All relief operations closed.

F.—*Disposal of surplus Government property.*

	Grain bags sold.	Price realised.
	Mds.	Mds. S. C.
Up to last fortnight	26,157	2,970 4 6
During the fortnight	6,914	656 14 0½
Total ...	33,071	3,627 2 6½
Miscellaneous property has been sold and realised		36 3 9

G. *Reduction of relief establishments of all sorts and cost of establishment still retained.*

	Cost at full rates per mensem.	Cost of present reduced establishment.
	Rs.	Rs.
Under District Grain Officer	1,401	359
„ Sudder Sub-divisional Grain Officer	513	30
„ South Bhurind ditto ditto	360	.....
„ North Bhurind ditto ditto ... ... } not stated.		20
„ Nattore ditto ditto ... ... }		26

Reduction during fortnight under report—

District Grain Office, Rs. 45.
The whole establishment at Beauleah gola.

H. (*a*)—*Progress in compiling and submitting accounts of relief works expenditure to the Controller and to Colonel Trevor.*

	Rs.
Up to end of May	48,776
Ditto for June	6,071
Ditto for July	5,291
Ditto for August	3,782
Ditto for September	1,082
Total	64,982

(*b.*)—*Progress in compiling and submitting accounts of grain receipt and expenditure.*

Date.	Stock Form No. 4. Opening balances.	Stock Form No. 4. Closing balances.	Date.	Stock Form No. 11. Opening balances.	Stock Form No. 11. Closing balances.	Date.	Form No. 13. Amount.
	Mds. S. C.	Mds. S. C.		Mds. S. C.	Mds. S. C.		Mds. S. C.
From 18th to 25th April ...	71,805 27 8	1,20,397 14 0	10th May...	71,805 27 8	1,12,647 11 8	25th April	23,118 29 0
„ 26th April to 10th May	1,20,397 14 0	1,09,599 32 0	10th June	1,12,647 11 8	1,02,602 11 4	25th May	1,27,492 20 12
„ 11th to 25th May ...	1,09,599 32 0	1,28,281 0 0	10th July	1,02,602 11 4	66,906 34 8	25th June	1,11,125 30 0
„ 26th May to 10th June	1,28,281 0 0	1,07,602 11 4	10th Aug.	66,906 34 8	28,368 16 4	25th July	57,241 0 0
„ 11th to 25th June ..	1,07,602 11 4	96,790 12 4	10th Sept.	28,368 16 4	39,453 27 4	25th Aug.	32,118 0 0
„ 26th June to 10th July	96,790 12 4	93,142 12 8	10th Oct.	52,019 1 2	49,783 17 11	25th Sept.	51,305 0 0
„ 11th to 25th July .	93,142 12 8	99 869 12 8	10th Nov.	50,141 19 0	47,783 18 1	25th Oct.	40,675 16 8
„ 26th July to 10th Aug .	99,869 12 8	82,374 12 8				25th Nov.	46,926 33 7
„ 11th to 25th August ...	82,374 12 8	1,04,340 19 8					
„ 26th Aug. to 10th Sept.	1,04,340 19 8	1,08,919 10 8					
„ 11th to 25th Sept. ..	1,08,919 10 8	1,21,373 12 12½					
„ 26th Sept. to 10th Oct.	1,21,373 12 12½	1,21,476 24 1½					
„ 11th to 25th October	1,21,476 24 1½	1,21,762 37 6					
„ 26th Oct. to 10th Nov.	1,21,762 37 6	1,21,834 25 11					
„ 11th to 25th Nov. ...	1,21,834 25 11	1,22,577 23 3					

(c.)—Progress in compiling and submitting other relief department accounts.

				Rs.
Returns prescribed by Government circular No. 1801—S.R.,			for March	384
Ditto	ditto		for April	5,395
Ditto	ditto and Form A		for May	15,973
Ditto	ditto	ditto	for June	47,268
Ditto	ditto and Form B		for July	76,016
Ditto	ditto	ditto	for August	65,454
Ditto	ditto	ditto	for September	18,143
Ditto	ditto	ditto	for October	4,436
Ditto	ditto	ditto	for November	135

Form X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 14th January 1875.

		Mds.
Total quantity of grain shewn by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874	...	33,939
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight	...	19,506
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—		
Sale for the disposal of the surplus .. ... Quantity	...	5,161
		Rs.
Price realized	...	3,500
		Mds.
Balance in hand at end of fortnight	...	14,293

Form Y.

Famine District—Rajshahye.		Mds.
Amount of grain actually stored	...	1,12,742
Amount of grain consumed	...	1,00,131

N.B.—2,362 maunds have not been entered in column 3 as receipts after 15th September 1874. Maunds 679 have been deducted from column 3 as excess credited in Beauleah Depôt by Lukhanhatty and Dhaparee consignments.

No. A, dated Rungpore, the 11th January 1875.

From—F R. S. COLLIER, Esq., Assistant Magistrate in charge, Rungpore,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

I HAVE the honor to submit the progress report of the district of Rungpore for the fortnight ending Saturday, the 9th January 1875, as follows :—

A.—STATE AND PROGRESS OF CROPS.

The state of the crops continue favorable, and the winter rice has been gathered, with the exception of about four annas, which are principally in low and marshy grounds. The cold-weather crops—wheat, pulses, &c.,—have been greatly benefited by the showers of the 5th instant.

B.—NUMBER OF PERSONS STILL ON CHARITABLE RELIEF.

None.

C.—QUANTITY OF GOVERNMENT GRAIN STILL IN STORE.

The whole stock of rice at Premgunge and Chillakhal has been disposed of, and the mahajuns are now taking delivery. The rains and the foul weather had prevented the weighment for some days.

D.—STEPS TAKEN TO REALIZE CASH ADVANCES.

The cash advances are being realized ; the compilation of the lists of grain advances is likely to be completed within a month. Officers have been sent out for realization of grain advances.

E.—SHORT ACCOUNT OF PROGRESS OF CHARITABLE RELIEF.

None.

F.—DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

The empty grain bags have all been disposed of, and the other surplus Government properties are in course of disposal.

G.—REDUCTION OF ESTABLISHMENT.

The establishment of the Kulmu gola has been discharged, and that of the Chillakhal gola has been reduced.

H.—PROGRESS IN COMPILING ACCOUNTS.

The cash advances made to the relief officers are being checked with the credits given in their respective accounts, and Forms B. C. and L. of five golas of the Molong Circle have been finished. Statement Y is blank.

FORM X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending Saturday, the 9th January 1875.

Total quantity of grain shewn by stock-taking on the 15th September 1874.			Expenditure of grain from 16th September 1874 to end of previous fortnight.	Expenditure of grain during the fortnight.		Balance in hand at end of fortnight.
				Sale for the disposal of surplus grain.		
				Quantities.	Price realised.	
			Mds.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.
Gobindagunge	3,492		3,437	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency ...	55	3,437				
Molong	50	50	50	.....	.....	.....
Mahigunge	2,019					
Deficiency ...	351	1,668	1,668	.....	.....	.....
Darawance	2,764					
Deficiency ...	62	2,702	2,702	.....	.....	.....
Premgunge	40,020	40,020	11,688	5,417	2,862	22,915
Chillakhal	14,160	14,160	1,034	.....	.....	13,126
Rungpore	2,132	2,132	2,132	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	64,637	64,169	22,711	5,417	2,862	36,041

C. E. G.

No. 620, dated Bogra, the 11th January 1875.

From—E. V. WESTMACOTT, Esq., Offg. Magistrate-Collector of Bogra,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

HAVING only taken charge of this district the day before yesterday, I can report little of my own knowledge, and nothing for the fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

A.—The winter rice crop is being reaped, and every one, except the ryots, speaks of it as an extraordinarily good crop. The ryots complain that it has been injured by too much water. From my own observation I should say that much land has borne a crop which is ordinarily too high and dry, while the centres of the great rice plains have been too deep in water for the good of the crop.

Rain fell on Tuesday last, reported 1·70 inches, and it has rained again to-day. This must have caused some injury.

The price is reported as varying from 22½ seers (80 tolas) per rupee in Shariakandee and Dhoonat, the east of the district, to 33½ in Panchbibi in the north-west. About 30 seers seem the average quotation.

B.—Blank.

C.—The Government grain has been all sold out during the fortnight at prices varying from Rs. 55 to 160 per 100 bags, but the prices have not been wholly paid up.

D.—Notices have been issued to repay an instalment of cash advances before 31st of March 1875. The registers of grain advances have been written up for three circles and three-fourths of another ci[illegible] Two circles are still remaining. People are now paying in the money due from them on account of grain advances. Rs. 120 have been credited into the treasury during the fortnight I have to-day been appointing Sub-Deputy Collector Tarinee Shunker Roy to the charge of the work of recovering advances, and one Inspector under him. I hope to appoint the second Inspector to-morrow, and will push on this work.

E.—Blank.

F.—Rupees 673-3-6 have been realised from the sale of empty gunny bags.

Two gola houses at the Sudder have been sold at Rs. 50. As for the gola houses in the mofussil, the Magistrate has asked the Executive Engineer to let him know if he requires any of them, and also how many he has already appropriated for use. On receipt of his reply I will make arrangements for their disposal to the best advantage.

The relief manufactures have been sold to the amount of Rs 2,303-15-6 which have been realised during the fortnight. These articles, to the value of about Rs 400 or 500, are still remaining to be disposed of.

G.—Blank.

H. *(a)*—Blank.

(b).—No return has been sent during this fortnight on account of certain discrepancies detected in the goladars' accounts.

(*c*).—Cash Form B (Register of insufficiently vouched payments) is blank up to date.

Cash Form C (Register of countersigned bills) has been kept up to date.

Cash Form D (Register of advances) has been duly kept up.

No progress has been made in writing up Cash Form L in consequence of the non-adjustment of the gola accounts.

Cash Form M. Blank.

The account of the Sherpore circle could have been completed during this fortnight had the accounts of the money expended by the Committee members been received. Takeeds have been sent to them. I hope to be able to report the completion of this circle's accounts in my next progressive report. The Khetlal circle accounts which were commenced in the last fortnight are nearly completed.

FORM X.

Shewing the disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 9th January 1875.

				Mds.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874	...	...	..	34,133
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of the previous fortnight	...	...	...	29,419
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—				
Sale for the disposal of the surplus	Quantity	...	...	4,714*
				Rs.
	Price realised	...	...	112-1-6

* The price of a large portion of this rice has not yet been paid.

C. E. G.

No. 79.

Fortnightly Narrative of progress made in closing relief operations in the District of Pubna from 2nd to 16th January 1875.

A.—The prospects of the winter crops continue to be good.

B.—Blank.

C.—None.

D.—Notices have been served upon persons to liquidate their debts. At Sudder, Rs. 2,044, and at Serajgunge, Rs. 1,000, have been realized. At Sudder the register of grain and cash advances have been written up, and it has been nearly completed at Serajgunge.

E.—Blank.

F.—There is now no surplus property at Sudder. Property disposed of during the fortnight is subjoined—

Articles.	Quantity sold in the District.	Price realized at Sudder.	Price realized at Serajgunge.	Remarks.
		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	
Gunny bags	1,462	48 5 3	62 12 6	
Thread	.....	53 3 6	.....	
Old bamboo and mats	.....	4 12 6	1 4 0	
Cook-shed	1	.....	1 0 0	
Rubbish found in rice sold to Superintendent of Jail	.....	0 8 0	.....	
Total	.....	106 13 3	65 0 6	

A list of undisposed property is appended.

G.—All relief establishments were abolished from 1st January. A relief clerk only is retained at the Sudder on a salary of Rs. 60 per mensem, whose services cannot be dispensed with until all accounts are closed and returns called for submitted.

H.—Some returns—Stock Forms 4, from the 11th December to 10th January, 11 and 12 for the month of December 1874—have been sent back to the sub-divisional officer for correction. Forms G, H, and U are still due from the Sudder and the sub-division; they will be prepared here as soon as the Serajgunge returns are received. A reference has been made to Government asking for information as to whom these returns are to be submitted, no orders on the subject having been received.

List of articles still remaining to be disposed of at Serajgunge—

	Mds. Sr. C.	
Thread	44 7 8	
Cloth	1 28 0	
Cotton	0 6 0	
Jute	0 35 0	
	Number.	
Gunny bags	890	
Durma mats	1,181	
Kodalies	442	
Kuralies	18	
Dao	36	
Scythes	38	
Scales	4	
Iron weights	20	
Huts	3	
Churka	22	
Takoos	29	
Copper budna	2	
Leather bag	9	
Country shoe	29	pairs.
Gut-string	68	bundles.
Bamboo-made baskets, seives, dhoochuns, koolas, &c.	197	

Form X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 16th January 1875.

Names of Sub-divisions.	Total quantity of grain shewn by stock-taking on the 14th September 1874.	Expenditure of grain from 15th September to end of previous fortnight.	Expenditure of grain during the fortnight.			Quantity made over in bulk to the Special Engineer.	Balance in hand at the end of fortnight.	Remarks.
			On relief laborers.	Sale for the disposal of the surplus.				
				Quantity.	Price realised.			
	Mds. Sr. C.	Mds. Sr. C.		Mds.	Rs.			
Pubna	1,160 16 2	1,160 16 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Serajgunge	6,977 0 0	5,632 0 0	.....	1,345	2,509(a)	.....	.....	
Total ...	8,137 16 2	6,792 16 2	.....	1,345	2,509	.....	.....	

(a) This amount includes the sale proceeds of rice disposed of in the previous fortnight.

Form Y.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Famine Districts.	Number of relief centres.	Amount of grain actually stored.	Amount of grain in transit.	Daily average number of persons employed on relief works.			Rate of wages expressed in money or grain.	Number of persons receiving gratuitous relief.	Amount of grain consumed.
				By Public Works Department.	By Circle Officers.	Total.			
		Mds. Sr. C.							Mds. Sr. C.
Pubna	.....	5,795 1 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,795 1 12
Serajgunge ...	1	26,457 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,457 0 0
Total ...	1	32,252 1 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,252 1 12

Pubna,
The 19th January 1875.

W. V. G. Tayler,
Magistrate.

No. 498—S.R., dated Burdwan, the 16th January 1875.

Memo. by—The Commissioner of the Burdwan Division.

FORWARDED in original to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department, for information.

No. 155T, dated Camp Bishenpore, the 11th January 1875.

From—W. R. LARMINIE, Esq., Offg. Collector of Bankoora,

To—The Commissioner of the Burdwan Division.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the progress made in closing relief operations and winding up accounts for the fortnight ending 11th January current.

2. A.—It has already been reported that the *haimanta dhan* has been reaped, and the outturn, excepting Pergunnah Moheshra, is estimated at 12 annas. The winter crops, such as surgunja, til, &c., are being harvested, and sugarcane, wheat, &c., which are in the fields, are doing well.

3. B.—Blank.

4. C.—The small quantity of Government grain in store has been disposed of by sale. The amount realized will be separately reported upon the receipt of reports to that effect from Baboo Lolit Mohun Dhur, Deputy Collector, and Mohima Chunder Ghose, Canoongoe, who have been deputed for that purpose. The return in Form X is submitted.

5. D.—As already reported, notices have been issued for the realization of grain advances made to zemindars and ryots, &c. Four hundred and fifty grain advance cases have been registered during the fortnight.

6. E.—The Statement B of charitable relief expenditure for the month of December 1874 will shortly be submitted.

7. F.—One thousand two hundred and sixty empty grain bags have been disposed of during the fortnight, and Rs. 103-5-6 have been realized on account of the sale proceeds thereof.

8. G.—The services of the accountant, clerk, and peon, and of the two goladars, were dispensed with on the 31st December last.

9. H.—The grain accounts are almost ready and will shortly be submitted.

FORM X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 11th January 1875.

	Mds.	S.	C.
Total quantity of grain shewn by stock-taking of the 15th September 1874	19,310	0	0
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight	17,589	34	15¼
Quantity made over in bulk to the Special Engineer	16,262	9	15
Balance in hand at end of fortnight	1,720	5	0¾*

* This balance has been disposed of by sale. Particulars as to amount realised, &c., will be reported separately.

FORM Y.

Famine District—Bankoora.

	Mds.	S.	C.
Amount of grain actually stored	90,134	28	6¾
Amount of grain consumed	88,414	23	5¾

C. E G.

No. 513—S.R., dated Burdwan, the 25th January 1875.

Memo. by—The Commissioner of the Burdwan Division.

FORWARDED in original to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department, for information, in continuation of this office No. 510—S.R. of the 23rd instant.

No. 1142, dated Camp Nulliapore, the 21st January 1875.

From—R. D. HIME, Esq., Offg. Collector of Beerbhoom,

To—The Commissioner of the Burdwan Division.

I HAVE the honor to submit my progress report for the fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

A.—Blank.

B.—Ditto.

C.—*Vide* Appendix Form X.

D.—No cash advances for purchase of grain were made in this district; the lists of grain advances to zemindars and ryots are complete, and the amounts will be realized as they fall due.

E.—Blank.

F.—Four hundred and sixty-three empty bags have been sold during the fortnight for Rs. 47-3, making a total of 44,088 bags sold for Rs. 3,818-11-3.

G.—Blank.

H.—All accounts have been submitted.

FORM X.

Showing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending the 9th January 1875.

	M.	S.	C.
Total quantity of grain shown by stock-taking on the 15th September 1874 ...	16,450	34	2
Received as per consignment receipts dated 29th and 30th „ „ ...	4,445	32	8
Total ...	20,895	26	10
Expenditure of grain from 16th September to end of previous fortnight ...	21,094	0	0
Balance in hand at end of fortnight	86	0	0*

* *Vide* explanation of previous fortnight.

FORM Y.

Famine District—Beerbhoom.

	M.	S.	C.
Amount of grain actually stored	10,41,448	20	0
Amount of grain consumed	1,02,176	0	0

C. E. G.

No. 510—S.R., dated Burdwan, the 23rd January 1875.

From—C. T. Buckland, Esq., Commissioner of the Burdwan Division,
To—The Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department.

In continuation of this office No. 498—S.R. of the 16th instant, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, copy of a letter No. 681, dated 18th January, from the Covenanted Deputy Collector of Howrah, which may be taken for his report on the closing of relief operations for the period ending 11th January.

2. With reference to heading C of the report, I beg to state that I have directed the Covenanted Deputy Collector to sell at once the 450 maunds of Government rice reserved for the use of the proposed dispensary at Jogutbullubpore, as it is not necessary now to open a dispensary there.

No. 681, dated Howrah, the 18th January 1875.

From—T. J. C. Grant, Esq., Covenanted Deputy Collector, Howrah,
To—The Commissioner of the Burdwan Division.

With reference to the Government letter No. 6136—S.R., dated 9th October 1874, I have the honor to reply as follows:

A.—The prospects of the crops still continue excellent. This continuance of rain has been extremely useful in bringing on even the most backward crops in Khanacool. The harvest in Jogutbullubpore will be short, but in all other parts the crops are very good and the district may now be said to be safe.

B.—No relief works open.

C.—There are some 450 maunds of Government grain stored at Jogutbullubpore. None of it is being at present disposed of. I am reserving it for the use of the medical officer whom I have asked to be placed in charge of a fever dispensary at Jogutbullubpore, that he may use it for such of his patients as he may find to be in want of nourishment.

D.—No cash advances have been made to any traders or others for the purchase of grains, nor any grain advances to zemindars or ryots.

E.—All charitable relief was stopped at the beginning of October. I append in a single form a statement shewing in one view the entire charitable expenditure in this district.

F.—I have disposed of all the empty grain bags as follows:—

				Rs.
100	machine-made	2-maund bags	for	16
34	ditto	ditto	for	5
25	country-made	ditto	for	3
100	ditto	1-maund	for	6
259	bags of sorts		for	30

G.—Throughout there has been no relief establishment.

H. (*a*).—Relief work accounts have already been submitted to Colonel Trevor by the Collector of Hooghly.

(*b*).—Accounts of grain receipts and expenditure have been submitted to the Assistant Comptroller-General of Relief Accounts.

(*c*).—All accounts have been submitted.

I am not able to fill in the tabular Statements X and Y, because I have no knowledge of the grain expenditure incurred by the Collector of Hooghly on roads in this district. These have been sent in by Mr. Pellew, to whose statements it will be necessary to add the receipts of the 500 maunds of grain for gratuitous distribution which were asked for by Mr. Worgan, and of which 61 maunds have been gratuitously distributed, and 439 maunds are in hand.

Abstract of Famine Account.

	Rs.	As.	P.
From the Central Relief Committee	2,000	0	0
By sale of empty rice bags	30	0	0
Total receipts ...	2,030	0	0
Expenditure under *b* for May and June 1874	59	5	6
" " July "	49	11	9
" " August "	218	8	3
" " September "	583	5	6
Total expenditure under *b* ...	910	15	0
Cost of transit, guarding, storing, &c., of Government rice ...	200	1	5
Total expenditure ...	1,111	0	5
Balance in hand ...	918	15	7
Received 500 maunds of Government rice at 12 seers per rupee ...	1,666	10	6
Expended 61 maunds in gratuitous relief	203	5	3
In hand 439 maunds at 12 seers per rupee	1,463	5	3

C. E. G.

No. 129, dated Purulia, the 25th January 1875.

From—Colonel E. A. Rowlatt, Offg. Deputy Commissioner of Manbhoom,

To—The Offg. Secy. to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

In accordance with Government order No. 6136, dated the 9th October 1874, I have the honor to submit the following progress report for the fortnight ending on the 15th instant.

A.—State of crops, &c.

The rubbee crops now on the ground (wheat, barley, gram, and a little late mustard-seed) are doing well. They are, however, of but little importance, since, as is usually the case in this district, the area under cultivation is very small.

B to F.

Blank.

H.

No return is due, except the stock form (U) for the month of December 1874.

C. E. G.

No. 35, dated Daltongunge, the 16th January 1875.

From—Baboo Nilmadhub Bandyopadhya, Extra Assistant Commr., Palamow,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department.

I have the honor to submit the 24th narrative on the scarcity and relief operations of the sub-division of Palamow for the fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

The people have harvested this year an excellent rice crop. The yield has been more than was seen in the sub-division for many years past. This has caused a fall in the price of rice, the coarse sort of which sold at the Head Quarters on the last bazar day at the rate of one *kachi* maund a rupee. The heavens were overclouded several days during the fortnight without producing any shower. Repetition of such weather may, it is apprehended, breed insects in the wheat plant; but as yet the prospects of the rubbee crops are entirely good.

B.—Nothing to say under this head.

C.—All the Government rice has been disposed of, and the price of it fully realized.

D—The tuccavee and other advances made to ryots and others are being paid up readily. The annexed statement will show the amount realized up to the end of the fortnight, and the balance remaining to be recovered.

E—Nothing to say under this head.

F.—All the rice bags have been disposed of; Rs. 603-14 have been realized; fuller accounts will be submitted on the recovery of the price of all the bags.

G.—All the establishments have been dispensed with.

H.—Excepting the rice account of December, all returns have been submitted up to date. The rice account will be submitted without any delay.

Statement showing the recovery of Tuccavee advances during the Fortnight ending 9th January 1875.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Particulars of advances.	To farmers of Government villages for purchase of cattle.	To farmers of Government villages for purchase of rice.	To trustworthy residents for purchase of rice on part of Government.	Advances for purchase of fodder.	Advances under the Land Improvement Act.	Tuccavee advances in grain.	Remarks.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	
Amount advanced	2,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	1,420 0 0	14,115 0 0	53,739 11 7	
Recovered up to preceding fortnight	527 12 6	561 0 0	40,000 0 0	935 11 4	1,075 0 0 4 10 9	7,066 11 7	The antique figures represent interest realized.
Recovered this fortnight ...	40 12 0	388 0 0	.....	.....	... ..	6,797 13 10	
Total recovered to end of this fortnight	568 8 6	939 0 0	40,000 0 0	935 11 4	1,075 0 0 4 10 9	13,864 9 5	
Balance ...	1,431 7 6	2,031 0 0	.... .	484 4 8	13,040 0 0	37,875 2 2	

C. E. G.

No. 78M.A., dated Calcutta, the 20th January 1875.

From—Lord H. Ulick Browne, Commissioner of the Presidency Division,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Dept.

In continuation of this office letter No. 75M.A., dated 6th January 1875, I have the honor to submit the fortnightly report* of the Collector of Nuddea, of the progress made in closing relief operations and winding up accounts for the fortnight ending on 16th January 1875, together with the prescribed statements, which are given at foot of the report.

* No 1169—S.R., dated 16th January 1875.

No. 1169—S.R., dated Kishnaghur, the 16th January 1875.

From—C. C. Stevens, Esq., Collector of Nuddea,

To—The Commissioner of the Presidency Division.

I have the honor to submit herewith my progress report for the fortnight ending with 16th instant.

A.—The state and prospects of nearly all the winter crops are flourishing. The late rains have done some good to all, except to tobacco.

B.—Blank.

C.—The 66 maunds of Government grain which was previously reported as remaining in store has now been sold off for Rs. 104.

D.—Steps are being taken to realize the grain advances, but as the repayments have not yet fallen due, nothing has been recovered.

E.—Blank.

F.—Ditto.

G.—The same as has been previously reported.

H. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*)—Blank.

The Statements X and Y are given below.

Form X.

Shewing disposal of Government Grain during the Fortnight ending on the 16*th January* 1875.

		Mds.
Total quantity of grain shewn by stock-taking on the 15th September 1874		3,312
Expenditure of grain from 16th September 1874 to end of previous fortnight		3,246
Expenditure of grain during the fortnight—		
Sale for the disposal of the surplus { Quantity		66
	Rs. As. P.	
{ Price realized		104 10 6
	Mds.	
Balance in hand at end of fortnight		Nil.

Form Y.

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C. E. G.